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In Wales, bracken has been eradicated by spraying with 8 lb. of sodium chlorate in 80 gallons of water per acre. There is no doubt that increasing use will be made of this excellent substance, as it becomes better known, but its main value, so far as allotment holders are concerned, lies in the fact that it is the best known remedy yet discovered for dirty and weed infested avenues and paths.

A LOOK ROUND THE COUNTRY

Anfield Association, Liverpool, who have won the Grant Challenge Cup five years in succession for the best allotments, have themselves provided a Silver Challenge Bowl to be competed for by unemployed plotholders.

Charlton Kings Association, Gloucestershire, combines with its Annual Meeting a Dinner for the members which it pays for out of profits. This year a dividend of 5 per cent. and a bonus of 7½ per cent. (12½ per cent. in all) has been declared.

Croydon Federation and the Borough Allotments Committee are doing splendid work for allotment holders in that district. They have agreed to run the National Amenity Scheme and, quite recently have decided to purchase 10 acres of land at Addington for £200 an acre for permanent allotments.

Interesting lectures to unemployed plotholders, which were greatly appreciated, have been given by Mr. B. S. Martin, N.A.S. Vice-President, and Mr. Riley a member of the National E.C.

Durham County Allotments Council held its last quarterly meeting at Middlesboro, over fifty delegates attending from all parts of the county. The Mayor extended a civic welcome and Councillor Sol Levy, Chairman of the Allotments Committee—a fine worker for our movement—also spoke. After the business session, the delegates were entertained to tea by Mr. Clarke and the Newport Society, in that body's new Club and Institute. The General Secretary of the N.A.S. attended the meeting.

The East Midlands held its last Area Conference at Lincoln, in which delightful old city, the delegates were magnificently entertained by the Mayor.

His Worship urged unaffiliated societies to join the N.A.S. as a primary duty.

Miss Bower of the Central Allotments Committee gave an interesting address on "Allotments for Unemployed Men" and the General Secretary spoke about the Amenity Scheme. An interesting discussion followed.

At the close of the Conference the Mayor entertained the delegates to tea, after which many of the city's priceless historical treasures were shown to them.

Huddersfield Federation held an enthusiastic meeting